

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 14-18 and 52 are pending in the application. Claim 54 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 was amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. While the Applicants submit that the original terminology was definite, the term “relates” was amended to further prosecution of the application. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 14 and 52 were further amended to better define the claim elements.

Claims 1, 14-18, 52 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated U.S. Patent No. 6,173,209 to *Laval et al.*

Specifically, Laval does not disclose an event organizer apparatus for generating event information, registering the generated even information in an electronic ticket platform center, and writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information, where the ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus is based on the generated ticket information master. These features are recited in claim 1 and are similarly recited in claims 14 and 52.

*Laval* does not create an electronic ticket information master based on event information registered by an event organizer apparatus. Nor does *Laval* relate ticket issuing information registered by an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus to an electronic ticket information master. Instead, *Laval* discloses a system and method for registering users for a particular event via queues (first/second validator – see col. 8, lines 11-53). Because Laval et al. do not disclose these features of claim 1, *Laval* does not anticipate and the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

Claim 14 also calls for an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus wherein, among other things, the ticket distribution authentication apparatus registers an authentication result with an electronic ticket platform center and instructs the electronic ticket platform center to perform ticket issuing processing for writing electronic ticket information into an information storage chip. Laval does not mention the registration of authentication results under such a configuration.

Claim 52 calls for, among other things, an electronic ticket information forming unit for forming event information unique to each event. *Laval* does not teach any corresponding unit. Claim 54 includes, among other things, an electronic ticket information reader which permits

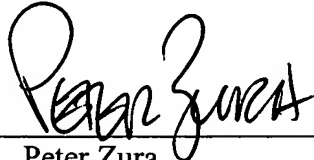
entrance into an event venue only when the integrity of the information stored on an information storage chip has been verified. *Laval* teaches nothing regarding verification of the integrity of the information read by either their first validator or their second validator.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presently amended are all in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Peter Zura at (312) 807-4208 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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